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Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and to allocate them to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the items at its 21st and 27th meetings, on 9 and 23 December 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the items are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.21 and 27).

3. For its consideration of the items, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/65/512);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/65/598).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.12

4. At its 27th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/65/L.12), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.12 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1925 (2010) of 28 May 2010, by which the Council decided to extend the deployment of the Mission until 30 June 2010 and that, as of 1 July 2010, the Mission would bear the title of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; also decided that the Stabilization Mission would be deployed until 30 June 2011; and authorized the continuation until that date of up to 19,815 military personnel, 760 military observers, 391 police personnel and 1,050 personnel of formed police units,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/275 of 24 June 2010,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006,

[1] A/65/512.
[2] A/65/598.

61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 64/269 of 24 June 2010, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 3 December 2010, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 266.4 million United States dollars, representing some 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Takes note* of paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

11. *Decides* to approve the establishment of 39 temporary positions, including 23 United Nations Volunteer positions, to be funded under general temporary assistance, to support the voter registration process in connection with the preparation for the conduct of elections and to support justice-related programmes, and in addition to the civilian staffing establishment approved for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period 2010/11 under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 64/275;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276 and 64/269;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financing arrangements for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

15. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[1]

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16. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 682,500,000 dollars already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010 under the terms of resolution 64/275, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 682,500,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 15,345,950 dollars, representing the estimated additional staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

20. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

21. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-fifth session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and "Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".